

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2022, 6PM
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5 E. BUTLER ROAD
5th committee meeting

Committee Members present: Carol King (Chair), Frank Allgood, and Jason Kraeling
Others present: Police Chief George Miller, Fire Chief Brian McHone, and Clerk of Court/ Administrative Judge Donna Derado

1. Call to Order- Chairwoman King

2. Public Comment- None

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

a. Public Safety Committee Meeting: November 7, 2022

Motion: Councilman Allgood made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Kraeling seconding.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (3-0).

4. Reports or Communications from City Officers

a. Fire Chief Brian McHone

i. Budget Review- The budget is where it should be.

The bunkroom exterior walls are up in the new fire headquarters.

b. Clerk of Court

i. Budget Review- The budget looks good.

The department is slowly going through all of the tickets and is working on court dates.

Ms. Derado is meeting with the Public Defender's office on a possible agreement with the City for indigent defense.

c. Police Chief George Miller

i. Budget Review- The department budget looks good.

The officers have collected toys to pass out to children for Christmas. Officer Bennett is going to be headed to MUSC waiting on a transplant.

Chairwoman King thanked the police and fire departments for their presence at L.S. Green, Sr.'s funeral last week.

5. Unfinished Business- There is no unfinished business.

6. New Business

a. Police Department Change in Rank Structure

Mauldin used to have a Major, Captains, Lieutenants, Sergeants, Corporals and Officers in the police department. Eventually, the Major and Lieutenants were done away with. At that point the Sergeants were doing the Lieutenants job, and the Corporals were doing the Sergeants job. Then the Captains were removed, and two Lieutenants were doing the Captain's job. With future growth and the number of Officers we have, it will be necessary to go back to the traditional setup of the rank structure.

Now is the time to change the structure because it will not have a fiscal impact on the City. The move will also bring up morale because the officers will have room for advancement. At this point, there is very little chance of progression to a leadership position. There will be no changes in duties; only the titles will change.

Chairwoman King asked if the Captain position would be what is currently a Lieutenant? Chief Miller answered yes. The job descriptions will have a name change. Chairwoman King asked that those revised descriptions be included in the comp and class study.

Councilman Allgood asked if Chief Miller knew why the rank structure was changed. Chief Miller said it was done by the leadership at the time. Chairwoman King said the Lieutenant positions are new and were added less than two years ago.

Motion: Councilman Allgood made a motion to send this item to Council with Councilman Kraeling seconding.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (3-0).

7. Public Comment- None

8. Committee Concerns- Councilman Kraeling mentioned he would like to see a memorial for Sgt. Sam Harrell, perhaps in the form of a road name. Councilman Kraeling requested some ideas for a memorial.

Chief Miller advised committee the department put in for an SRO grant from the state. The department thought it would be for next year, but it will be given in February.

9. Adjournment- Chairwoman King adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk